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Charlotte died.

That was quite a shock to us who knew her. We loved her. God had taught us much through her as her life touched ours, especially in the past two years.

My relationship with Charlotte went back about 13 years. Her growth as a total person became so evident. God was marvelously healing her. She was "getting it all together," as we so often phrase it. She recognized God's good work in her, and His love for her as a total person. She accepted His plan; she was becoming "whole." Then it happened.

When Charlotte learned she had leukemia, it was a blow. (You'll understand her expression as you read her story on page ten, from an interview in late May.) But, from the beginning she left it all to the Lord, and almost dazedly began seeing that God was trusting her to play a very significant part in making others whole.

Charlotte was also a part of my church family. Her faith and cheerfulness—almost to the point of excitement at times—during her illness built faith

in us. It drew us together. We struggled with her.

And, her goals did change. I was convicted at times when I realized her value system exceeded my concept—or, at least how I lived that—of what was really important. I was challenged to lay that again before God for reevaluation.

For nearly two years God sustained Charlotte and used her to show the peace and hope which He can give. Her expression to the doctors and nurses opened continual doors for positive witness. They could not understand her lack of panic at death; her obvious faith.

The hospital had to limit her visitors when almost three dozen came one day—people who loved her and were carrying her need with her.

So Charlotte's ministry isn't past. The Angel of the Lord returned as He said. And, God still has everything under control. She was ready; maybe more so than we were.

In her Bible, Charlotte had written, "The reason for living" beside Romans 11:36, "*For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things.....*" Amen.

More and more Christians are observing the first Friday of each month as a **day of prayer and fasting** for their nation. This move, promoted by Foursquare layman, Jimmy Owers, who with his wife, Carol, authored the new musical, "If My People," is in keeping with II Chronicles 7:14. Owens states, "The future of your nation will be determined by the prayers of God's people."

UFW—United Foursquare Women—scholarships to students in the three homeland Bible colleges now total more than \$13,000, all of which are the result of interest paid on deposits made to the International Foursquare Loan Fund, a fund used to build Foursquare Churches.

Vacation Bible school in **Moline, Ill.**, enrolled over 1300, with 203 decisions for Christ in the first week...The **Kenton, Oh.** congregation this summer occupied its new church...Construction of the new block-large sanctuary with its tower of inspiration has begun in **Portland, Or.**, a project to be completed early in 1976... "Hope for a trou-

bled world" was the theme used by the **Spring City** and **Dayton, Tn.** churches on their winning float entered in their local festival parade. The \$100 prize money became a part of the churches' camp missionary monies.

The Board of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel is happy to announce the appointment of **Charles Perry** as Director of Stewardship and Estate Planning.

Mr. Perry is a resident of Granada Hills, Ca., and a member of the church council of the Canyon Country Foursquare Church.

Summer camps throughout the US and Canada ministered to thousands of Foursquare youth, with many receiving Christ as Savior. Characteristic of these settings was the increasing interest of youth in Bible study.

Mount Vernon Bible College has announced the appointment of Rev. **Glenn Nicholls** as Dean of Students. Both Rev. and Mrs. Nicholls, former Great Lakes District Youth Ministers, will also teach at the college.

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS

Plans for the February 18 - 24, 1976, International Foursquare Convention are well underway, with Dr. M.E. Nicholls chairing this conclave.

An intricate part of the daily schedule is the Institute of Church Ministries II, the enrichment seminars with topics of appeal to all conventioners.

Evening speakers for the convention include guests John Conlon, U.S. Senator from Arizona, and Sandra Sheskin, a Spirit-filled Jewess from Washington, D.C., the young woman who has charge of the Great Seal of the United States, as well as Foursquare ministers Rolf K. McPherson, Jack Hayford, and Charles Hollis.

Convention Chairman Nicholls states, "The 1976 convention promises to be a time of spiritual refreshing, as well as the establishing of new dedication to the implanting of spiritual values into our nation through the church and its people. We invite all members and friends to make plans to attend."

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Personnel changes open new ministries

International Headquarters Office personnel in Los Angeles gathered recently to honor Howard P. Courtney, Jr., and Eloise Clarno, each of whom resigned their leadership ministries in these offices.

Courtney, for over 16 years the Executive Secretary to the General Supervisor's Office, has entered the field of court reporting with the United States District Court in Los Angeles.

Dr. M.E. Nicholls, General Supervisor, expressed appreciation for the fine work Courtney has completed in his office. "His thoroughness, obvious efficiency, and dedication to this position makes him a hard man to replace.

"Howard leaves behind many materials, guidelines and a foundation for us."

Miss Clarno leaves the Department of Youth and Christian Education to minister in the area of Christian education in the Christian Assem-

bly Foursquare Church in Eagle Rock, California.

Department Director, Vincent R. Bird stated, "Eloise has gone from ministry to ministry in our department in the nearly 12 years she served here, and has done everything well. Seven of these years she served as Director of Sunday Schools, and for the past 12 months she has edited the Foursquare World ADVANCE.

"Eloise cares for people, and this has driven her to the local church ministry once again."

President Rolf K. McPherson paid tribute to each. "We want the very best for these people as they go. Howard has helped organize and establish so many vital areas. He helped us put our feet on the ground and go forward. Systems he set up will continue for many years.

"We greatly appreciate Eloise's help, too, and we know God has worked to lead her into another direction. She has been a tremendous blessing to all of our churches."



H. P. Courtney, Jr.



Eloise Clarno



When their church was planted in the midst of 25 acres of fertile fields, trees and pasture land, the members of the East Hill Foursquare Church in Gresham, Oregon, began a two-fold ministry of plowing, planting, sowing and reaping.

Immediate use of the newly acquired property was to accommodate the increasing number of cars which parked at the East Hill Church. Future plans involved the development of the total acreage, as the ministry grew. However, what to do with the adjacent and unused, but fertile, farmland was now the question.

When a member suggested that a community farm might provide ministry, the congregation rallied. Plowed and planted, this soil began to show the increase.

Thousands of pounds of vegetables were given away. The church's 1,500 weekly attendees benefited according to their needs. Social agencies and youth houses were invited to reap, as were other churches. Some of the land was sown in hay which was harvested and sold, with the income designated for distribution and

operating expenses. That was in 1974.

The spring of 1975 saw the tilling and plowing begin again, this time with family garden plots designated. All ages participated; some rows had three generations working together. The church's weekday pre-school undertook gardening three of the 20 x 20 plots.

The '75 plan was to help families offset inflationary food prices, so funds usually spent on food commodities could be released for ministering opportunities, with a tithe of the produce given to the church for distribution to the needy. And, the harvest was abundant.

In the midst of this activity the old barn located in the center of the East Hill garden was renovated for use as the youth center. An adjacent wooded area was cleared for picnics and strolling. The field of hay was cut and baled. And, the fellowship was rich.

Pastor Jerry Cook rejoiced, "The ministries of our church, such as the commissary, are the life source of our church. Unless we maintain avenues of giving and ministering, we stagnate the process of Jesus' love, which is the epitome of giving." □



THE GOOD EARTH.

LINEFORK, KENTUCKY:

Success for Mary Bennett is a Valley Experience



"Moonshine and bootlegging. That was my living."

Glen Corbett, a husky man, with a reputation of being mean and rough, by his own testimony, was an "outlaw from the word 'go'."

"One Sunday I decided to attend church, primarily to find fault with that lady preacher. As Satan was reminding me of all the excuses why she could not be of the Lord, the Spirit of God was convicting me. Today our home is different."

"That woman preacher," Mary Bennett, worked hard, too, finding excuses why she should not return to the mountains of Kentucky to pastor the church where she met Jesus as a small child.

"I knew for several years that I would some day come back to Linefork, but I fought this call. I had other plans."

Mary's first escape drove her to join the Air Force at age 17. Within three years Sargeant Mary Bennett was still looking for direction, and it was not until a dark personal tragedy left her deeply scarred that she turned to God.

During these unsettling years and still ignoring God's call, Mary planned a life for herself in the business world. Securing a very fine position with a Los Angeles communications firm, she climbed the ladder, only to find success was not as sweet as she had imagined.

"God always reminded me that I had the ability to succeed only because He allowed it. And He assured me that His love would prompt Him to remove everything if I ignored His call-

ing."

When a friend encouraged her to enroll in a Bible college class, Mary thought this would help her in her Christian walk.

"One little taste did it. But, even after graduation in 1973, the break to return home was hard.

"I sought ministry in the southern California area, and although active, I was not fulfilled. Hostility caused me to resist godly counsel and to cry before the Lord, 'Why me? A woman, so unequipped, helpless, scared? Why not send two? Lord, you always gave others a helper; why didn't you give me one?' The 'why's' of my rebellion were many."

Then the crises came. The doctor's diagnosis was grim. With pain tugging her body, she allowed herself to be scheduled for emergency surgery in the spring of 1973. Two days before her hospital entry, an urgent call from her family in Linefork sent Mary flying home..

"I can see God's hand in pulling me from Los Angeles just days before my hospitalization. In the midst of this, I submitted myself to Him. Another examination confirmed the previous doctor's report. I remained on at Linefork, determined to trust God.

"Five months later as I attended the district convention, deep pain again gripped me. When the sick were prayed for, I begged God to do something, quickly. Almost instantly the pain left and has never returned. Other symptoms are gone; a recent examination shows I am completely well."

The Linefork valley—about 20 minutes from Cumberland—is about 35 miles long, and is surrounded by large mountains. Houses are often a mile apart, and several country stores, scattered along the creek, serve the community.

"The people are so warm and friendly. Often when I walk three or four miles to visit their homes, they invite me to share their dinner of ham, coon, chicken, or groundhog, with their delicious sweet taters, and of course, corn bread.

"I wade the creeks when there are no bridges, or when my Volkswagon gets stuck in the middle of the creek!

"These mountains have brought millions from their coal mines, but unfortunately, some who can sit on their front porches and see the coal that is priced like gold, live in great need.

"Our people are much like people everywhere. They often rely upon their own strength and resourcefulness to survive. The distance between houses adds to this, for each family lives its separate life.

"Distance makes law enforcement difficult, too. People assume the responsibility to protect themselves, or settle disputes which may arise when someone has been robbed of his chickens.

"Our mountain people are accustomed to flash floods, an accident, or a shoot-out. Yet, in daily life, they are filled with anxieties. How we rejoice when God plants faith in their hearts and they recognize Him as their Protector and Source."

Family life is adult-centered with few recreation privileges available for the "younguns." The burden to see their children share and enjoy enriching experiences, prompted Mary and several friends this past summer to sponsor the first Cadet-age camp for that area, knowing these children would greatly profit from five days of wholesome Christian camping.

Expressing a pastor's heart, Mary rejoices, "The greatest joy I have ever felt is watching our people grow, and they are growing by leaps and bounds. I hear their testimonies, see them respond, and know that God has done wonders in their lives this past year.

"Glen Corbett was one of these. As a church, we prayed for him, and as he says, he became more and more miserable, telling the Lord he would get saved when he was older.

"He considered the Bible good for old people to die by, and worked hard to keep his wife and children from coming. But now, what a joy to hear him say, 'Our home today is completely different,' and to realize this is true. They read the Scriptures daily, and have purchased a van to help transport members to church."

Henry ignored God. During his resistance to the Spirit, Henry's wife, Pansy, entered his name on the church prayer list.

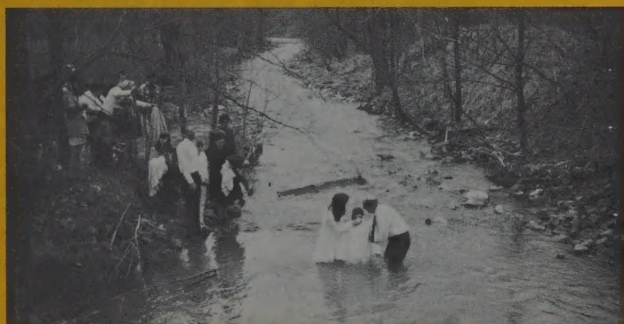
"My wife said to me, 'Henry, you don't have to be in church to be saved.' A day or two later, as I was hunting, I knelt. I prayed for more than an hour, telling the Lord that I wanted to receive Him as my own Savior, and asking Him to help me do the things that are right. I came back a changed man."

Reminiscing the early days when she was a child at Kingdom Come School in this same community, Mary recalls, "In 1951 Annie Mae Burton came to this valley to bring the full-gospel message. A large crowd of children came to hear her, and I was among them. How the Burtons loved us! I was a little girl, but they made a big impression. They directed our first church here.

"I remember the church was a target many times. Rocks came through the windows, followed by the boys who had thrown them. They came to fist fight with Mose Burton, our pastor's husband.

"The church has continued to be a target. People have come, thinking they might disturb, or take advantage. But after seeing our strong men facing them, they forget the puny 89-pound preacher, and give up their intentions."

1974 was an outstanding year for Linefork. In the first 18 months which God allowed Mary Bennett to minister here, 67 have received Christ as Savior, and more than 20 have been filled with the Holy Spirit.



"During this period God has allowed us to remodel our church building, too. This has been possible because our people have been obedient to present their tithe and love gifts to the Lord. We're just waiting now for Him to find us the 80 patio brick we need to complete the porch. It seems no one in Kentucky or Tennessee has them. The Lord knows about that, too.

"Change occurs slowly in this Kentucky country, but we are much better off than many parts of the world," reminds Mary Bennett. "It is a good life, full of rich experiences with God.

"There are still so many up the hollers who need to know the Lord; many branches have several families, but only a few know Jesus. He will enable us!" □

What Does Women's Liberation Offer?

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN AND SPIRIT OF THE CURRENT WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT?

Vickie Becker, wife and Christian education director, Eugene, Or. Frustration! Brought from a lack of definition.

Until recently, women have not had their roles defined; they have only voted for about 50 years. Society has put them in inferior positions, when they had abilities and enablements from God which they were unable to see fulfilled.

Women are frustrated for a lot of reasons, not the least of which is sin.

Jerry Cook, husband, father, and pastor, Gresham, Or. Vickie's right; it is a sin problem.

We all need to be liberated, and we feel that. All liberation movements are the result of this need.

So whether women's lib, gay lib, or whatever, what they want is valid, but what they are getting is invalid, because it is external. Libers are aspiring after an ideal—a mirage—that when grasped for, is gone. And, that must be a fantastically frustrating thing!

Gladys Johnson, wife, mother, and co-pastor, Arcadia, Ca. There's also confusion in role identity and relationship. The unisex look demonstrates this. It is a terrible cry for equality, and we find it between races, sexes—everywhere. It is the cry of the human heart for liberty.

But, the lib movements have completely confused the issues. There is a diabolical scheme behind it. It's man's final kick at God, against God's order for the home, society, government. It's devil inspired!

J.C.: Right! It lines up directly with what Satan is endeavoring to do—invert ethics and values. What becomes freedom in Satan's territory is actually bondage in the kingdom of God.

WHAT ABOUT THE ROLES OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY? THE HOME?

V.B.: I see frustration here—not equal to the world's—but a frustration of women in the church who feel God has called them to do something, but then because they are women, they are stifled.

I don't think it's because of men, but rather because of other women's attitudes. They are the ones who feel women "ought to be at home."

I was frustrated when people said, "Why don't you stay home and clean your house." I

have the shiniest floors in Eugene! And, that's because I've learned the system and balance for me: the pressure is off. My home is first.

J.C.: I honestly believe that a great deal of the issue currently in the church concerning the woman's role in the body of Christ has crept out of the Jesus movement.

It's that we have taken a street ethic concerning women and have "Christianized" it. On the street, the women's function—not role—is as an object. We bring that into the church and we have a problem.

We do not allow women their position as total, full-fledged members of the body of Christ, so they're caught.

When my wife assumed a teaching role, we realized that some of our young adults did not have theological problems with women teachers, but rather they believed women were inadequate intellectually—a non-spiritual factor they had brought right off the street.

One of our fellows had rehearsed Paul several times, but now confesses, "I Timothy wasn't the only place Paul talked about women. I never even considered the rest of what he said!"



G.J.: One of our women pastors told me of an incident when she was called upon to minister to six big men standing in front of her. She hesitated when the Lord spoke to her, "Don't minister flesh to flesh; minister spirit to spirit." In that area there is no sex distinction.

J.C.: The three Scriptures about women so often quoted are about woman keeping silent in the church, women not teaching or usurping authority (by the way, these can't be separated), and the Corinthian's passage about heads being covered.

My wife is under submission to her husband. The Bible doesn't say, "*Women be in subjection to men*"; rather, "*wives be in submission to your husbands*."

I see no distinctions Biblically in ministry for male or female. In Christ there is neither male nor female. I do see great distinction in relationships of these two.

G.J.: When I Cor. 14:34 says women should be silent in the church, it cannot refer to praying or prophesying, for in I Cor. 11:5 this is permitted. It was a cultural situation.

V.B.: We know the truth about all these Scriptures, but I think we have to know what to do with the truth.

When women come to me to talk about their professions, I share, from experience, that when I keep talking about the negative aspects of women in today's society, that's where my thoughts are, and also my influence and spirit. I project the negative.

But, I have a positive position; I know where I am. Then, the authority comes right along with it—from God. The truth has to be lived, and confessed.

WHAT ABOUT COVERING, SUBMISSION, ORDER IN THE CHURCH AND FAMILY?

J.C.: Submission is a teaching the Lord has added, but He is taking us beyond what we thought it was.

I don't see the vertical line of submission, only as to Jesus Christ, our Head. There is no Biblical grounds for submission vertically—person to person, male to female. I'm not vertically related to you; I am horizontally related—we're in the family. Submission is people in their right spots.

V.B.: "Vickie's my name, and submission is my game." I was joking with my husband last night, and reeled that off to him. It really is! If this is an issue with some women I think it is because they don't understand submission.

As a single person in the ministry at the church, I was free to be what God had

planned, and ministered with others because of having someone to submit to, and I grew, blossomed!

Now, in marriage, again I am in God's order—even in tighter ranks—and I'm even benefiting more.

G.J.: I've told the Lord, "I was a woman before you called me, and you did call me." I've cried, "There just is no way for me." But, He has said, "I am your God. I will make a way."

It is harder today for women than in the earlier times. Maybe because of society's confusion and role shifting. Years ago perhaps they understood that the Spirit was outpoured on all flesh, and they trusted God to put each person in his right place.

There is a church reaction to women's liberation. In a way, I wonder if it is a hysteria on the part of the men. I don't know why they feel threatened.

J.C.: I remember the threat which resulted when I realized I was in competition with my wife. Her radio program was getting more mail than mine, and suddenly I found in me a feeling I didn't like. She was winning in an ego struggle I didn't even realize was there. I asked her to forgive me.

Sometimes when the male ego which says, "I'm doing what no woman can do" is challenged by a woman who does do it, and maybe even better, our pseudo masculinity is effected and our insecurities show.

But, masculinity and femininity do not reside in what we *do*, but in what we *are*. I am not valuable because of what I do. That's animalistic; that's our society's view, value system.

Man and woman fight back when their value as a "doer" is threatened. We have to get back to the fact that I am valuable because I am created in the image of God; because I am!

V.B.: But, I want people to know that I am. Sometimes men don't know that. So, I try to prove who I am with my ability!

G.J.: I suppose if we were all completely "liberated" in Christ, we would not have fears, or be threatened over our roles. And, when we submit to the laws of God, He brings us to our right place. We won't have to struggle.

J.C.: Perhaps what we call "liberation" is really "annihilation." It all began when women wanted to be "persons." It's a neutering of the individual, resulting in annihilation, and that plays back into the devil's hands.

The Biblical teaching is equality of value, not function. And, the only hope is to find identity in Jesus Christ, where we learn true femininity and true masculinity. □

our to seven services daily, with a record Easter Sunday of 14 services, is no small task for any man, but, by actual count, was the record for Chaplain Joseph A. Marchbanks, U.S. Army.

"As a troop chaplain with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam I traveled almost exclusively by helicopter, conducting services for small patrols in the jungle. I averaged 30 to 60 minutes with the patrol and was then lifted out to another unit.

"This ministry shall forever remain a treasure of good memories of God working in the hearts and lives of men in trying and difficult circumstances. And, we've heard from men who returned from this duty, that they are serving the Lord."

Marchbanks is one of four Foursquare military chaplains presently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

While all chaplains are commissioned to provide spiritual and moral leadership to their troops, each of these four ministers differently, in assignments which change according to need and location.

Army Chaplain, Captain Michael Matheny's experience as a California State Parole Agent prepared him for appointment as Officer in Charge of the Area Confinement Facility at Ft. Bragg, N.C., the largest military post in the U.S.

"Ministry" for a chaplain goes beyond the regular chapel worship services. For Matheny it means personal and marriage counseling, personal effectiveness training and human self-development classes, all activities similar to most military ministers. As officer in charge of ACF Matheny leads a nine-man counseling staff as well as working directly with the Command-er.

Matheny confesses to a malady which plagues many service personnel. "Loneliness, I suppose, is my most serious problem. I miss not working more closely with my denomination—it's like being a missionary, I guess. But, I am grateful that my family—wife, Billie, and daughters, Lori and Shannon—is with me.

"Billie is also involved with chapel programs, Bible studies, and with officer's wives activities. It all is a very fulfilling ministry.

"And, God's blessing is with us, too. In less than two years as a chaplain, approximately 350 men have found Christ as Savior. But, our battalion has about 17,000 men, so we have continual challenge. It's a terrific ministry!"

Mrs. Larry Sellers has also found ministry opportunities with husband, Lieutenant Larry G. Sellers, U.S. Navy. When the Sellers first arrived in Norfolk, Va., and he reported to Fleet Religious Support Activity there, they both ministered nightly in a Christian Coffee

House located in the fleet landing area.

But, pier-side duty only lasted three months, and Sellers deployed on the U.S.S. Savannah for circuit riding service ships in the Mediterranean, transferring from ship to ship by high line.

"While on board these refueling and replenishing ships, my ministry consists of visiting men in their spaces, and counseling in various situations. Our Bible studies and rap sessions, sing-a-long and closed circuit TV religious films provide a variety of Christian witness and ministry.

"One evening as I visited the spaces aboard ship, a young man asked me how he could be saved. His wife and her family had recently accepted Jesus and had begun serving Him. Now, he desired to find the Lord, too. He received Christ that evening while sitting in my stateroom.

"That was a thrill! How thankful I was to be here in the middle of the ocean to help direct him to Christ, and to see the joy on his face as his burden was lifted.

Also overseas in ministry is Captain John R. Meyer, U.S. Air Force, who early this summer arrived in Japan for a new tour of duty.



Larry Sellers



John Meyer



Mike Matheny

"Many wonder about the Christian etiquette of the chaplaincy when this man works with so many denominations and faiths. While we are always conscious of this, and do emphasize the things we have in common, people identify with what we are, and often stop to inquire about our beliefs. Many ask about the deeper experience of the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

"Also, God has often given us opportunity to pray for the sick, not a ministry always observed by other chaplains. Recently, a woman called about her baby in the hospital. She asked if I would pray for the child. Of course we did. The baby had a very high fever which the doctors were unable to control. She was suffering severely.

"We prayed and went on to other patients. The mother later told me that about 20 minutes after we prayed the nurse came again to take the baby's temperature, and it was normal. 'I've heard of miracles, but I've never seen one happen,' the mother exclaimed.

"This mother had opened the door for us to minister to her in this way. Many are very open and hungry for the deeper things of God. It's really a tremendous opportunity God has given us; we feel like it's a mission."

The Meyers faced a crisis this past year when

FOURSQUARE CHAPLAINS ZERO IN ON LIFE & DEATH

Joe Marchbanks

Chaplain Meyer was notified he was a part of the cut back in military personnel.

"We appealed this decision, and through our denominational offices and the prayers of many, were reassigned to continue in this ministry. It was a real miracle; the military machinery was stopped and turned. God has used this event in our lives to give us a very positive example for the young people we were working with."

Chaplain Marchbanks is one chaplain who opts to minister to the troops in the field. Administrative posts are not particularly attractive to this Lieutenant Colonel. Marchbanks' years of military have taken him to several overseas posts, including Germany, Korea, and Vietnam, to do just this.

"I was in the Korean DMZ during the Pueblo incident and met the men as they were released by the North Korean communists.

"Often the men a chaplain ministers to move and we never see them again. But, from time to time we are able to see the obvious fruit of our ministry.

"While stationed in Texas, my wife and I were excitedly approached by a man who related he had been critically wounded in Vietnam. The first person he saw as he regained consciousness was me, standing and praying by his bed in the hospital intensive care unit. He told Mary Lee he'd never forget my encouragement and prayers."

Reflecting on his 16 years of military chaplaincy, Marchbanks states, "If the chaplaincy has one drawback it's the separation a man has from his family. As with other military personnel, the wife is often left to be both dad and mom to the children. Our four children, however, have also had a rich education built on experiences which no school can provide. Their time in Germany was one of these experiences."

Currently stationed at Ft. Sill, Ok., Chaplain Marchbanks describes their Sunday evening services as a "dream of every minister."

"Our attendance is between 75-125 each week, and 10-15 come forward to make a public decision. At a recent special service 62 came forward. Most men are here for only eight weeks of training, so our program is strictly evangelistic. We see definite change and growth in many lives during the time they remain here for training."

The Chaplain hastens to give credit to fellow ministers who serve with him. "The strength of the program is a nucleus of seven cadre men who are really 'turned on' for Christ. By the time they get the men to church, the men can hardly wait to make public announcement that they are going to serve Jesus."

And he adds, "That's the dream of every minister, too." □

PEOPLE:

The Brave Becoming of Charlotte Rice



"Why now, God? Just when I'm getting my life together and want to live, now this!"

When the doctor's diagnosis read promyelocytic leukemia, Charlotte Rice, age 25, responded with confusion, peace, disbelief, assured of God's grace.

"I never really had it together when I left my small farm community to begin college life in Los Angeles. It was a time of battle; I felt I was one of the most inferior persons on earth; I was just there.

"When I reached my 21st birthday I told the Lord, if the rest of my years were going to be like the first 21, to forget it.

"But, God had begun a healing work in my entire being. I was seeing myself as a valuable person; a woman God had created for His glory."

In the spring of 1973, Charlotte wasn't feeling well. One cold after another plagued her. "My doctor told me I was just lazy. I didn't want to be that, so I volunteered to work at our church's counseling center several evenings a week after my bank job.

"But, I just didn't have the strength. That summer I had vein surgery on my legs. The excessive bleeding prompted a blood test which showed no abnormal signs. By fall, I was weaker; my work performance was poor; I was fighting a cough and colds."

Two days after visiting another doctor and a series of tests, a nose bleed left Charlotte almost too weak to respond to receive the test results.

"At this point a needle prick caused blood to spurt from the wound. Even the slightest touch bruised. And, when I saw my doctor, he obviously was shook.

"The doctor got on his knees, took my hand, and told me I had a serious blood disease. He suggested I return to my family in Oregon and contact a hematologist."

Within a few days Charlotte had decided to stay in Los Angeles; she didn't have the strength to fly home. Two days later she was admitted to the only available bed in John Wesley Hospital.

"The battery of tests by a team of doctors confirmed the report. My blood count was 3,600 platelets; normal is 300,000. My white count showed zero resistance; the red blood count was down; I was below anemic. Then came the bone marrow test. The doctor told me I had promyelocytic leukemia.

"The night before this report, my pastor had led the church in prayer for me. God had given me an assurance of His care. When the diagnosis

came, I thanked the doctor. He was startled, 'I don't think you understand. There is no cure,' he said. But I had peace."

Charlotte's family arrived to receive this grim report. The doctors were candid; she would not leave the hospital, and they could expect no more than weeks; at the most three months.

"There was peace in my room. God ministered to me continually. Friends came and we rejoiced together that God always has everything under control."

In the natural, the next two months were devastating. Charlotte went from tonsillitis, to bronchitis, to pneumonia, to swelling of the brain. The 35 pills daily, and the three strongest antibiotics available didn't help. Her temperature was often 105-plus.

Charlotte received intravenous chemotherapy, and night after night the blood cells and platelet transfusions continued.

When the hemorrhaging had continued profusely for 12 days, the church sought God together. Immediately the bleeding stopped, to the amazement of the doctors.

"From the beginning the Lord was saying that my healing—the wholeness of my life in all areas—was for the whole church family, not just for me. And, God began to do a beautiful work in our church.

"They carried the burden with me. God impressed me with the Biblical pattern of calling the elders. Households fasted and prayed. One little girl wrote me; the children were praying, she said. A junior high wanted to visit me, but was too young. This prompted a total church response. One Sunday afternoon a group gathered in the parking lot below my window. They sang and worshipped with me. I'll never forget that! I realized the value of sharing one another's burdens. We were drawn together—we needed each other."

Charlotte's body kept putting back the leukemia cells. One Monday after the church had again travailed, the tests showed nothing. It was the first sign of any upward trend. Her body was beginning to repair itself. Three days later, February 7, 1974, two months after her hospitalization, even though she had 70 percent leukemia cells and her resistance was down, Charlotte became the first person ever to walk from that hospital with this type of leukemia.

"It was a good spring and summer. I had time on my hands, and since I was feeling better, had decided to return to Bible college in August. While on vacation, again the brain swelling began, and by August, I was readmitted to John Wesley.

"This was a testing time. I had been ill nine months. I remember thinking, 'God, you will have to heal me in a hurry, or You will be taking me home.

"One night I felt as if it were my time to die.

Suddenly, a group of angels appeared at the foot of my bed. One said, 'Charlotte, it is time for you to go with us now.' I wasn't afraid, but I said, 'Lord, please don't take me now; not now.'

"It was if He pondered this. He walked nearer to me and then back. 'Okay, Charlotte, you may live for awhile, but you know I must be back to take you.' I knew I had a little more time."

Again out of the hospital and back in school, Charlotte attended the September student body retreat. "One evening God began to manifest Himself as the Healer. I had clung to the Exodus 15:26 promise, 'I am the Lord that healeth thee.'

"When hands were laid on me, I felt as if a tunnel of warm air had broken over me. I knew God had touched me."

Charlotte's next check up was overdue. Up to this time all tests had shown acute leukemia. "When the bone marrow tests were complete, there was no trace of leukemia. The doctor called it an 'arrest state.' I questioned him about the lack of any leukemia at all; he admitted that was the case. In February of this year, I had a release to return to work."

God began opening doors for Charlotte to share her experience with so many. "At Christmas I had numerous speaking opportunities to tell what God has done in my total life.

"A psychiatrist asked me to speak with a group of doctors and interns who were studying the emotional state of dying persons. I was glad to be able to tell them sincerely, with calm and peace, that when I die the Lord will be there.

"In all honesty, I could also express the struggle—I am single, have never experienced marriage and having my own family. I had felt somewhat cheated in life.

"When people counter, 'But, think, you will experience eternity,' I have to admit I want both—this life and eternity. I didn't want to be cheated out of any of it. I have just begun to enjoy life and experience it!

"I can look back and see the spiritual, emotional and physical healing which has occurred. I am changed.

"My thinking is different; my values. I am realizing what the grace of God is all about, and living in God's kingdom. I am free in my relationship with the Lord.

"The pressures of life have left me. I really feel free! It continues to be a slow process, but after having faced death, I have a keener sense of what really counts.

"I never questioned 'why', although I wondered about the timing. But, I knew all was going to turn out well, even if I died." □

Charlotte was called home after a brief hospitalization in July. See editorial.



Host Hayford and basketball star Jerry Lucas

"Vision CFM" Probes the Faith of Foursquare Laymen

"Lord, I love you so much I'd serve you even—even if the house burned down," testified Dean Jones. "And, the next day it did burn down!"

Dean Jones, better known to many as television's Ensign O'Toole testified to his gratitude for Jesus' work in his life on "Vision C.F.M.," a new radio broadcast recently released by the Council of Foursquare Men for airing in the English-speaking world.

"Vision," an informal interview-type program of persons who have encountered Jesus Christ and demonstrated their commitment to His lordship in their lives, was recently aired on several Colorado and California stations," reported C.F.M. Executive Secretary Carl Lucht, "and is born out of the vision of men who desired to share Jesus Christ with other men.

"People, just 'people-people' who possess something different in their lives are featured on 'Vision.' They come from the field of sports, entertainment, business, the arts; or, they may be farmers, office workers, laborers, whatever. Christian men can communicate the message of the Lord Jesus Christ when He has done powerful things in them. This is the message we want to convey."

Hosted by Jack Hayford, Van Nuys, California pastor, "Vision C.F.M." programs currently available include well-known personalities Jerry Lucas, Pat Boone, Dean Jones, and Chuck Woolery, each of whom shares the dynamic of Jesus in their lives during this 15-minute broadcast.

Those interested in airing this broadcast on their local stations may contact C.F.M. International, 9242 Bermudez, Pico Rivera, Ca. 90660. □

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

"Severe heart murmur, operation imperative; no hope otherwise."

This verdict fell heavy on the ears of a little boy's parents, new converts. Their faith brought them to the church, in Bogota, **Colombia** asking for prayer.

The following day they returned to the doctor, asking for another examination. The doctor, after examining the child, exclaimed, "This heart is perfectly normal. What has happened?"

The happy parents shared with him the knowledge of Jesus, the Great Physician. He exclaimed, "This is better than San Gregorio." (San Gregorio is supposedly a dead medic, who still performs miracles and operations.)

The missionary says, "May the Lord give us miracles far greater than those which are being attributed to San Gregorio."

Throughout **Colombia** churches are being planted and many are finding Christ. In *Fatima*, more than 200 gathered for Sunday school. The church in *Lucero* has the roof on the new building. In *Las Delicias* services opened in a new suburb on the way to *Villavicencio*, the doorway to the great eastern plains.



The *Fatima* church has opened services in *Ciudad Kennedy*.

On the coast *Santa Marta* and *Valledupar* grow. In *Cienaga*, the growth has been phenomenal with over 200 in Sunday school. When these new pastors went there less than two years ago, there were 17 persons in Sunday school. More than the attendance is the happy vibrant spirit of the people

A gentleman has given a house with a lot right at the other end of the city for a new church.

The pastor in *Santa Marta* has been miraculously healed from hydrophobia, after having been bitten by a mad dog. He decided to trust the Lord and not take the injections. The thing hit him hard, but the Lord completely healed him. This healing has brought great blessing to his congregation and the surrounding neighbors.

What a tragedy! To think that **Greece** was the first country in Europe to receive the Gospel light, and now to be in such darkness," was the remorse of Rev. Denos, missionary in Athens, Greece.

Mr. Denos, however, rejoices over the recent conversion of two farmers not far from the Biblical city of Corinth.

Rev. Denos and a Christian worker were returning from Aigion and Patras after conducting home meetings. They felt drawn to take the old, narrow road along the coast, something they had not done in the eight years since the new highway had been opened.

Stopping at a roadside stand to purchase oranges, Mr. Denos' companion exclaimed at the high price. The farmer began telling of his struggle to make a living, and of his recent heart attack which further complicated his life.

God spoke to Rev. Denos that His purpose in leading

them down this old road was for them to speak to this man. He thought of the other stands they had passed, without stopping.

The missionary began to tell the man of Jesus. Another farmer joined them, and moments later both received Christ as Savior. Vagelis and Vaselis rejoiced together over this new life.



A man of the **Papua New Guinea** highlands had gone to his village doctors and they could not help him. He could not breathe properly and when he wanted to climb a mountain he could not.

When the village doctors could not help, he went to the government hospital. They could not cure him.

One day he asked the pastor in Gotomi to pray for him. He was not instantly healed, but went away with great faith in his heart. Some time later, he realized he was completely well. Now he climbs the mountains telling all that "only the Great Doctor in heaven could heal me."

The new Inter-American Highway is soon to pass through the Darien Province of **Panama** opening many new villages and farm areas. The Foursquare Church in Yavisa just recently dedicated its new church, and has begun its Extension Center to train workers to carry the Gospel to that region.

When the **Panamanian** pastor visited his home village where he had gone to pray for a chronically ill relative, the visit resulted in an evangelistic cam-

paign when God brought outstanding healings and conversions to many.

One lad, possessed and controlled by demons, caused a great deal of disturbance to the meetings, for he was locked up in a small room near-by. The parents finally came, asking prayer for their boy.

Shocked to see the condition of the youth—very violent and completely stripped for he tore at his clothes—the pastor confronted a tremendous struggle with the demons on his first visit. He continued to return day after day until the complete deliverance came. On the last visit the young man threw his arms around the pastor and expressed his gratitude for a new life in Christ. Just to hear the young man talk surprised everyone, because for months he had been able to say nothing.

Missionary Jackie Coppens ministers in the Banana Zone of **Costa Rica**, leading the Bible Institute and extension works there. God has given two fine national workers, Andres Ruiz and Jorge Segura, who travel between the five Bible Extension Centers to train the 55 students enrolled in this study.

Recently Miss Coppens visited a former student, Claudio, who had studied at the Institute and is continuing his study by extension. Claudio pastors one of the several country churches in the zone.

"We have found the churches here all very healthy spiritually and God is blessing in all of them," writes Missionary Edwin Gurney from **Argentina**. A new church begun just a few weeks ago now has more than 80 in attendance, in a city where there is a deep hunger for God. Five weeks of Bible Institute during these cold winter months in the south of this nation have brought added teaching and training to national workers.

The district convention in Chipoleti ended on Pentecost Sunday when more than 1,000 were in attendance.

God is at work among youth in **Greece**. In one week nine were saved, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and in water.

Missionary Ernie Denos also ministered in Northern Greece and Yugoslavia. His rejoicing included, "We wish we could thank each one who helps make it possible that we be here. Please pray that much fruit shall spring up and remain."

Jose Aleman Pricher is one of the 40 converts in Zacatecoluca, **El Salvador**, a city of about 23,000 where a new Foursquare church recently started.

Jose was an alcoholic. This time he had been drunk for the entire month and was in a state of delirium tremens. Although he knew nothing of God's salvation, he desperately wanted to be liberated from his drinking habit.

His companions urged Jose to take another drink to relieve his agony. Refusing, he entered a little store near the Foursquare Church, and asked the storekeeper to tie him to a post until the effects of delirium tremens passed.

In El Salvador, the people believe if a person does not take a drink when he is in this condition, he will die. For this reason the storekeeper was fearful of what might happen to the man.

The pastor of the Foursquare Church was in the store when Jose entered. He told Jose that Christ could deliver him from his habit and take away his trembling. When asked if he wanted prayer, Jose agreed and the pastor prayed as the man stood tied to the post.

God touched Jose and the trembling stopped. The next evening Jose came to the church and testified to the miracle God had performed in his body. He accepted Christ as Savior.

God continues to give revival to **Brazil** and is preparing national workers to minister effectively to their people.

Bible Institute Director, Missionary Marguerite Hawley, reports 80 new students in the Sao Paulo institute, to join the 46 others there.

The District School opened in Porto Alegre in January has 35 students and 30 students attend the Curitiba school.

The evangelist in the north, in Behem, who has been preaching to thousands each week for two years, is requesting a District School there. Pray for laborers in Brazil.

Recently in Taejon, **Korea** more than 450 persons were baptized in water, testifying to their faith in Jesus Christ. □

NEW APPOINTEES

New missionary appointees who recently left for their first term on the field are:

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Elmore to the Philippines; **Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Donham**, and son, Zac, to the Panama Canal Zone; **Rev. and Mrs. Glen Pummel** and family to Chile.

Missionary Assists, persons appointed for short-term missionary ministry, also left this summer for Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Korea, and the Philippines.



The Pummels



The Elmores



The Donhams

Christian Day Schools Gain Momentum in the Battle Against Crumbling Values

A Christian philosophy of education, or a philosophy of Christian education? To the average layman, these are the same, but to Christian school administrators and teachers, there is a vast difference.

Christian day schools, the fastest growing segment of North American education, center on a Christian philosophy of education—the conviction that God, not man, is the center of all, and that man was created to bring glory to Him.

It is this basic view which separates secular education and the Christian variety, and has brought about the nearly three dozen Christian day schools now a part of the Foursquare Church on this continent, and the 21 day schools which exist in foreign fields.

Pioneer in this ministry has been Dr. Marion Plies, founder and principal of the Harbor City Christian School. "We began in 1948 with nine students and one teacher, and we held classes in the Crusader chapel of our church." Today 700 students are enrolled on a campus which encompasses nearly four and one half acres.

"Two of our teachers are noted in 'Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America,' and many of our pupils have won speech, spelling, and sports awards. We are thankful for a varied program."

Augusta Christian Academy in Georgia, had

quite a different beginning. Founder Kenneth Green recalls, "Forced busing brought great problems to our city. Parents were troubled that their children had to travel miles and miles to attend school.

"About this time God began dealing with us about the anti-Bible influence which permeated our American public school system. We saw the results of such a philosophy in children who had neither the ability to cope with life, nor the character to be useful, productive citizens."

In 1971, this school began with two students. Three weeks later there were 70, and now, with \$50,000 worth of buildings, they enroll nearly 200.

Recent years have seen nursery schools and day care centers sweep the homeland. Whereas five years ago, three of these were reported in Foursquare ranks, this past year there were fifteen. Roanoke's Kiddie Kollege comes in this category.

"The Kiddie Kollege allows us to use our education buildings six days a week, and has opened many doors to homes in the community," Pastor and Administrator Kenneth Wright explains. "We began in 1972, and today have 60 students. We provide day care through the day, and after school as well. A summer program for school-aged children is also part of our ministry.

"The 'Week of the Young Child' happens each April, when we invite parents and their children to our Sunday morning program, and an afternoon pot-luck dinner.

"We believe Christian day schools can help change homes and communities."

But, pre-school programs often grow into day schools.

"As the pupils grew older, parents wanted higher grades," Simi Valley, Ca. pastor Nathan Brewer stated. "We added primary school, and now go through grade five, with 125 students enrolled.

"In the eight years our school has operated, God has enabled us to minister to many families of the school—families which do not attend our church."

Paul B. Smith, Canadian Christian educator, summarizes the need which has prompted day school ministry. "The backlash of the humanistic approach to education has resulted in a society of young people, many of whom feel that religion, patriotism, discipline and morality are nasty words."

Christian educators open the Word to show answers to these needs, and teach these truths to their students. "We believe in Christian schools," they chorus.

(Churches interested in Christian day school ministry may secure information by writing the Education Commission, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca., 90026.) □



RAYMOND COX:

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World pressure continues on Israel to evacuate conquered lands won in the 1967 Six Day War. Henry Kissinger keeps moving as a middle-man to negotiate agreements between Egypt and Israel whereby the Jews will withdraw farther eastward in Sinai, restoring more territory to the sovereignty of Egypt. Such a withdrawal may well fit the pattern of Bible prophecy. Or, it may not. The crux of the issue is interpretation of the term "river of Egypt" in Genesis 15:18. Is the "river of Egypt" the Wady El Arish, or is it the Nile?

A preoccupation with achieving and maintaining "secure and recognized boundaries" has become almost a fetish with Israelis. Four thousand years ago God documented the ideal borders of Israel. God promised to Abraham's seed through Isaac (cf. Genesis 17:18-21) possession of the territory "from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

If the "river of Egypt" meant the Nile, then the maps of earth have never yet been congruous to the charts of heaven. If it is the Wady El Arish, then David and Solomon ruled territory comparable to what God pro-

mised, but their sovereignty proved temporary, while God made the land-grant to Abraham's seed "for ever" (Genesis 13:15).

Because the guide on our bus headed for the Mitla Pass did not mention the Wady El Arish when the highway crossed the dry stream bed, I drove my rented "Bug" down to the city of El Arish later.

Bedouin tents punctuated the brook bottom. The Wady runs for a distance of 140 miles over a course through the desert, descending from its source at about 400 feet above sea-level. Except for one sharp bend to the west in the upper part, the Wady's course runs nearly due north to the Mediterranean.

There seems to be little doubt that the "river of Egypt," translated in Numbers 34:5, Joshua 45:4, 47, 1 Kings 8:65, and Isaiah 27:12 as a "stream" instead of river, designates the Wady El Arish. "Brook of Egypt" would be a better translation than "river" for the Hebrew *Nahal* there. But, in Genesis 15:18 the Hebrew is *Nahar*, which means a real river.

Certainly, it sounds incongruous to speak of the mighty Euphrates and the dry brook of El Arish in the same breath! Still, most authorities prefer the Wady El Arish, especially since it seems definitely specified in other more minute descriptions of Israel's borders. Thus an Israeli withdrawal would be indicated.

One thing is sure, earth's maps one day will conform to the charts of heaven! □



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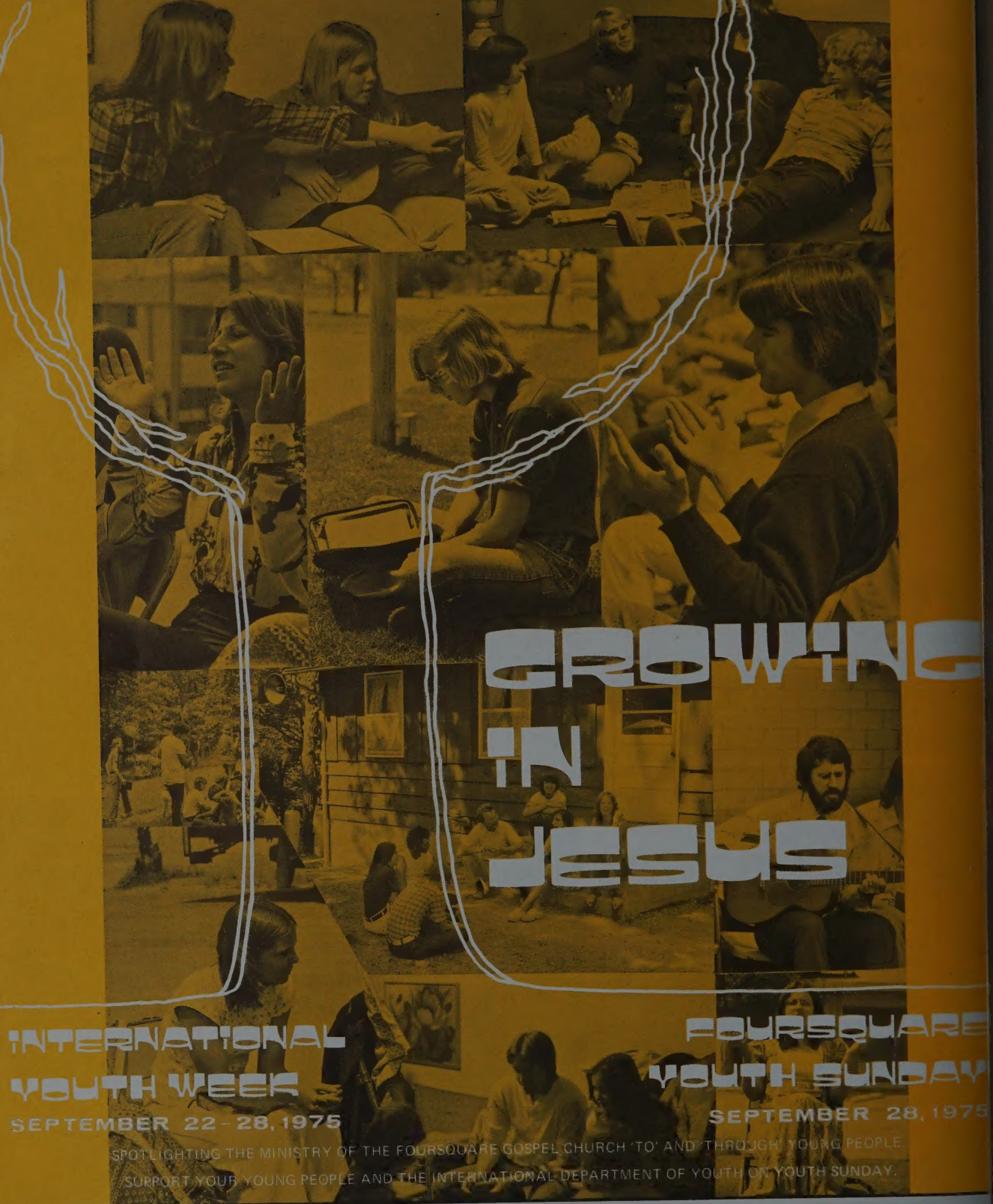
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